GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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HAM RADIOS
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of HAM radio transmitters in the country at present; (

(b) whether the Government propose to allow more HAM Radio transmitters in the country; and (

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): The Department of Telecommunications has informed that there are approximately 15,908 license HAM Radio Operators in the country.

(b) & (c): During the times of natural calamities, the of HAM operators arepermitted to handle third party messages on behalf of state administrations, and no specific permission from Department of Telecommunications is required for such purposes.